GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PENCH TIGER SANCTUARY
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Pench Tiger Sanctuary (Karmaghiri National Park) in Sivani district of Madhya Pradesh has been conserved as a Tiger Project;

(b) if so, the progress of the Tiger Project there; (

(c) the number of tigers killed in the road accidents or by electrocution or poachers during the last three months; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pench Tiger Reserve was established in 1992 over an area of 757.897 sq.kms.Main activities under the Project Tiger are habitat improvement, development of communication network, fire protection and development of infrastructure for protection of wildlife. Government of India has sanctioned the following amounts for the Pench Tiger Reserveunder the Project Tiger Scheme during the last three years;

1997-98: Rs. 36.558 Lakhs
1998-99: Rs. 27.080 Lakhs
1999-2000: Rs. 41.80 Lakhs

Due to these efforts the population of tiger and other animals is increasing steadily. The population estimate of last two years as reported by the State Government are as follows:

Animal	1998	1999
Tiger	45-46	47-51
Leopard	29-34	30-36
Gaur	525-575	544-574
Cheetal	6800-6900	7510-7600
Sambar	2200-2300	2300-2380
Nilgai	1350-1400	1390-1530

(c) None.

(d) Does not arise.